



## SENIOR & LONG TERM CARE DIVISION COMMUNITY SERVICES BUREAU

### HOME AND COMMUNITY BASED WAIVER Policy Manual

**Section: ELIGIBILITY FOR SERVICES**

**Subject: Individuals with Intellectual  
Disabilities and Severe  
Disabling Mental Illness**

**References: ARM: 37.40.1408**

### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy section is to clarify how an Individual with an Intellectual Disability (IID) or a Severe Disabling Mental Illness (SDMI) individual can be dual eligible for the Big Sky Waiver program.

### **0208 WAIVER**

The Developmental Disabilities Program (DDP) provides 0208 Waiver services to persons determined eligible for this service. These services provide more extensive options within community-based options. DDP contracts with private, non-profit corporations to provide long term services and supports to these individuals. Service programs are located in communities throughout Montana and provide an array of residential, work opportunities and case management for adults and support services for children.

### **CHILDREN SERVICES**

By a child's eighth birthday, an eligibility determination must be completed by the DDP Eligibility Specialist unless the child has been determined At-Risk as defined in administrative rule. At-Risk children may also be placed on the 0208 Waiver waitlist. For information about these services, visit the website at:

<http://dphhs.mt.gov/dsd/developmentaldisabilities>.

### **SEVERE DISABLING MENTAL ILLNESS WAIVER**

The SDMI Waiver program provides home-based services to persons that have a severe disabling mental illness and require long term services. For information about services to individuals with mental health disabilities, visit the website at:

<http://dphhs.mt.gov/amdd/Mentalhealthservices>.

## Section: SERVICES

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Mental Illness****DUAL ELIGIBILITY  
FOR WAIVERS**

The Department contracts with Mountain Pacific Quality Health (MPQH) to determine eligibility for Montana's waiver programs. The Level of Care (LOC) screening is used to determine if an individual meets the criteria for medical eligibility for nursing facility services. During the initial LOC screening, if MPQH discovers additional information that the individual may be eligible for other waiver services, MPQH will request a Level One screen. A Level One screen determines eligibility for the 0208 or SDMI Waiver.

**WAIT LIST AND  
ENROLLMENT**

An individual found to be eligible for Big Sky Waiver as well as another waiver such as 0208 Waiver or SDMI Waiver may be placed on both waiver wait lists at the same time. These individuals may be enrolled in either waiver program and remain on another waiver wait list. However, the individual cannot receive two waiver services at the same time. The individual that has dual eligibility must choose which waiver service best meets their needs.

**EXAMPLE:** If a child is on the Big Sky Waiver and has been determined eligible for 0208 Waiver, s/he can be receiving services from Big Sky Waiver as well as be placed on the wait list for the 0208 Waiver. Once the child has been determined eligible and placed on the 0208 wait list, the child may continue to receive services through Big Sky Waiver until the child has been selected for a 0208 Waiver slot. At that time, the individual must choose which waiver service best meets their needs.

**EXAMPLE:** Individuals that are currently receiving services on the Big Sky Waiver may also be placed on the SDMI Waiver wait list. If the individual is offered a SDMI Waiver slot, the individual must choose which waiver service best meets their needs.